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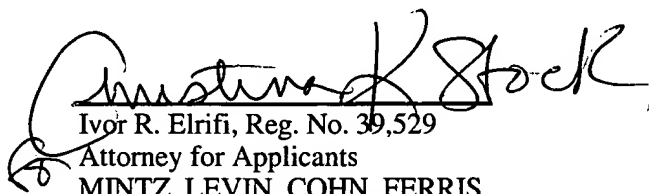
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to September 11, 2003 Office Action (10 pgs.);
2. Petition for One Month Extension of Time (1 pg);
3. Check #17849, for \$55.00; and
3. Return Postcard.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-124 (Cura-424). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at the telephone number provided below.

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